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In my opinion it is time to close this unfortunate episode that only brought to the surface the many contradictions of our system. First we had a Judge so anti MS oriented that the trial reminded me the ones in Beria's time. In spite of that I still don't see what damage was caused to the consumers by MS behavior. I am a customer, I bought in 1995 Netscape Navigator and I paid it more or less \$35 when IE by MS was already free, why? Because it was a better product! After that Netscape failed to improve their software and I switch to IE because it became a better product. The most serious issue here is that tax payer money has been and it is being used to satisfy the request of MS competitors, who unable to create a better product are lobbying to harm the competition with me paying the bill to do this! This is a real scandal and must stop. Do you really believe that people are so stupid to believe that when MS competitors speak out they do it to protect consumers? Nobody who is awakens and active in our society believe it. The same fact that the only way to bring MS in court was to use a law more than eighty years old, a law created specifically to hit a certain company, a law involving the right to use natural resources and not, as MS case, to commercialize intellectual properties. Be very careful targeting the same idea of success, being smarter is not a sin as it is not being a mediocrity, the real sin is pretend that as you are a mediocrity everybody else must stick at your same level. History books are full of examples of what I mean.

Best regards
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